

August 1, 2007

To: All Nebraska Communications Providers

From: The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission)

RE: Compliance with the Communications Provider registry provisions of LB 661, effective August 1, 2007.

In 2007, the Nebraska Legislature passed LB 661 which requires all Communications Providers that are **NOT** certificated by the Commission to register and pay a one-time fee with the Commission. LB 661 defined Communications Provider in two ways:

- A. Any entity that uses telephone numbers or Internet protocol addresses or their functional equivalents or successors to provide information of a user's choosing by aid of wire, cable, wireless, satellite, or other like connection, whether part of a bundle of services or offered separately, which provides or enables real-time or interactive voice communications and in which the voice component is the primary function (Communications Provider); OR
- B. Any entity that provides any service, whether part of a bundle of services or offered separately, used for the transmission of information of a user's choosing regardless of the transmission medium or technology employed, that connects to a network that permits the end user to engage in electronic communications, including, but not limited to, service provided directly to the public or to such classes of users as to be effectively available directly to the public (Information Service Provider).

For purposes of clarification, those entities offering services pursuant to definition A above have been denoted Communications Providers and those entities offering services pursuant to definition B have been denoted, Information Service Providers.

LB 661 requires all non-certificated entities offering services pursuant to definition A or B to register and pay a one-time fee with the Commission starting August 1, 2007. Attached you will find the Commission approved Registration Form. Please complete the appropriate sections and return the form with the \$50 one-time registration fee to:

The Nebraska Public Service Commission
300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Any wireless carriers currently registered with the Commission pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-125, do NOT need to register again or pay another registration fee. However, each wireless carrier is required under §86-125 to ensure that the contact information on file with the Commission is up to date.

Certificated entities do not need to submit a registration form or fee. However, if any certificated entity is offering any services that fall into definitions A or B, (i.e. VOIP, Internet Service, etc.), please notify the Commission so our database of Nebraska Communications Providers is complete. If any certificated carrier has an affiliate or subsidiary that is offering services that are contained in definitions A or B, the entity providing such service **IS** required to complete the attached registration form and pay the one-time fee.

For any questions or concerns regarding the Communications Provider Registry please contact Deena Kumke or Susan Horn in the Communications Department of the Commission at (402) 471-3101, or email them at deena.kumke@psc.ne.gov or susan.horn@psc.ne.gov.

Sincerely,

Frank Landis, Vice Chairman
Nebraska Public Service Commission

Enclosure